

CAMPAIGN SPENDING COMMISSION

STATE OF HAWAII

In Re the Matter of)	CA 06-05
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Robert J. Creedon,)	
Respondent.)	
_____)	

CONCILIATION AGREEMENT

On or around February 2006, Barbara U. Wong, Executive Director for the Campaign Spending Commission ("Commission"), initiated an investigation of Robert J. Creedon ("Respondent"). The investigation was initiated pursuant to the express authority of section 11-193(a)(7), Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS"), for a determination of whether the Hawaii campaign spending laws had been violated and a complaint would be submitted to the Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, Respondent and the Commission, having entered into conciliation and pursuant to section 11-216(g), HRS, do hereby agree as follows:

- I. That the Commission has jurisdiction over Respondent and the subject matter of this administrative action.
- II. That this Conciliation Agreement ("Agreement") and upon complete performance of the conditions stated herein has the effect of remedial or corrective action taken by Respondent pursuant to section 11-216(g), HRS.
- III. That Respondent has had a reasonable opportunity to demonstrate that no action should be taken in this matter.

- IV. That Respondent waives the right to be heard at a public hearing conducted under chapter 91, HRS, pursuant to section 11-228(b), HRS.
- V. That Respondent having voluntarily and fully cooperated with this investigation desires to resolve any potential litigation by entering into this Agreement with the Commission on his own volition and with full knowledge and understanding.
- VI. That parties agree to the pertinent facts as follows:
1. On or around February 2006, Barbara U. Wong, Executive Director for the Commission, initiated an investigation of Respondent.
 2. The Linda Lingle Campaign Committee is the candidate committee for Linda Lingle, a candidate for a four-year state wide office.
 3. The Committee reported receiving a \$1,500 contribution from Respondent on March 2, 2005 and a \$6,000 contribution on June 3, 2005.
 4. Section 11-204, HRS, reads in part as follows:

“(a)(1) No person or any other entity shall make contributions to:..... A candidate seeking nomination or election to a four-year statewide office or to the candidate’s committee in an aggregate amount greater than \$6,000 during an election period...”
 5. The 2006 election period is from November 6, 2002 through November 7, 2006.

6. Respondent's contributions to the Linda Lingle Campaign Committee aggregated \$7,500 during the 2006 election period, an excess contribution of \$1,500 in violation of section 11-204(a), HRS.
7. Respondent did not knowingly, intentionally, or recklessly violate section 11-204(a), HRS.

VII. Settlement Terms

1. As final settlement of the matter and issues in Conciliation Agreement 06-05, Respondent understands and agrees to an assessment of **Five Hundred Dollars** (\$500) pursuant to section 11-228, HRS.
2. Respondent agrees to comply with Hawaii laws on contributions and expenditures.
3. Terms of payment of the assessment shall be by Order of the Commission.

VIII. The Commission upon its own motion or a written request of anyone filing a complaint under section 11-216, HRS, may review compliance with the Agreement. If the Commission believes that the Agreement has been violated, it may institute administrative proceedings or a civil action in the Circuit Court of the First Circuit pursuant to section 11-228(c), HRS.

IX. This Agreement shall become effective as of the date that all parties have signed and the Commission has approved the entire Agreement.

- X. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the Commission and Respondent on the matters raised herein, and no other statement, promise, or agreement, either in writing or oral, not contained in this Agreement made by either party or by agents of either party shall be enforceable.
- XI. It is understood and agreed by the parties that this Agreement is not intended to be an admission of wrongdoing or liability, but shall be construed strictly and solely as a compromise and settlement set forth herein between the parties for the purpose of avoiding further controversy, litigation and expense.
- XII. This Agreement, unless violated, shall be a complete bar to any further action by the Commission with respect to the violations at issue in this matter and any and all other matters covered by this Agreement.

FOR THE COMMISSION:

Barbara Wong, Executive Director

_____ Date: _____

FOR THE RESPONDENT:

Robert Creedon

_____ Date: _____